

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 219 - SB 271**

February 12, 2017

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits semester hours attempted in courses required to fulfill Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) requirements from being included in the semester hour qualifying limitations for HOPE scholarship eligibility, and further, prohibits grades earned in ROTC courses from being included in the calculation of the grade point average of a student for determining continuing eligibility for the HOPE scholarship.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$532,000/Lottery for Education Account**

**This funding will not be included in the annual statutory transfer of excess lottery funding from the Lottery for Education Account to the Tennessee Promise Scholarship Endowment Fund.**

**Assumptions:**

- Based on information provided by the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC), the provisions of this bill will impact ROTC students attending four-year public and private institutions.
- TSAC confirms the average HOPE scholarship award at four-year institutions is \$4,000 each academic year; an average of \$2,000 per semester.
- Beginning in FY17-18 and annually thereafter, TSAC projects 95 ROTC students attending four-year public institutions, and 38 ROTC students attending four-year private institutions, will qualify for an average of two additional semesters of HOPE scholarship awards as a direct result of this bill.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures from the Lottery for Education Account beginning in FY17-18 is estimated to be \$532,000 [(95 x \$2,000 x 2 semesters) + (38 x \$2,000 x 2 semesters)].

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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